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Description: ff. ii + 216 + ii - 15th-16th centuries, Italy. Sewn on four tawed skin, slit straps laid in channels on the outside of wooden boards and pegged. Gilt edges. Covered in brown goatskin with corner tongues, and blind-tooled with a ropework star inside painted (red) and blind-tooled circles inside a floral border, all with metallic annular dots. There are traces of four leaf-shaped fastenings, the catches on the lower board, the upper one cut in for fabric straps attached with star-headed nails. Rebacked twice. - Purchased from Lathrop C. Harper in 1949 by Thomas E. Marston. - Shailor, B. Catalogue of Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts in the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Marston MS 9.

Notes: -Manuscript on parchment of 1) Curtius Rufus, *Historia Alexandri Magni*, translated into Italian and supplemented with material from Plutarch by Pier Candido Decembrio. 2) Pier Candido Decembrio, *Comparazione di Cesare e d'Alessandro Magno*.

Number of Parts: 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 0

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Language: Italian *Century:* 15th

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Part 1:

Description: - parchment - 292 x 215 (176 x 114) mm.

Country:

Cardinal point:

Region: Florence

City:

Assigned Date: [ca. 1460-65]

Searchable Date Range: 1460 - 1465

Dated by scribe: No

Inscribed Date:

Document: No

Number of Scribes:

Script: Written by a single scribe in a slightly rounded humanistic bookhand with many cursive elements, below top line.

Notes: One illuminated initial, 6-line, gold against blue, green and pink ground with white vine-stem ornament, extending into inner margin to form a partial border; terminating at top and bottom in pen ink spray with buds in green and pink and gold balls with hair-line extensions. Plain initials, 3- to 2-line, in blue, mark text divisions; headings in pale red. Binding: 15th-16th centuries, Italy. Sewn on four tawed skin, slit straps laid in channels on the outside of wooden boards and pegged. Gilt edges. Covered in brown goatskin with corner tongues, and blind-tooled with a ropework star inside painted (red) and blind-tooled circles inside a floral border, all with metallic annular dots. There are traces of four leaf-shaped fastenings, the catches on the lower board, the upper one cut in for fabric straps attached with star-headed nails. Rebacked twice.

Number of Texts: 1

Text 1:

Author: Rufus, Curtius.

Title: *Historia Alexandri Magni*, etc.

Subjects: Alexander, the Great, 356-323 B.C.; Caesar, Julius.; Decembrio, Pier Candido, 1399-1477.; Plutarch.; Rufus, Curtius.; Illumination of books and manuscripts, Medieval.; Italian literature--15th century.; Literature, Medieval--Translations.; Manuscripts, Medieval--Connecticut--New Haven.;

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